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Gents –

See below. This could be a good resource should one of our investigations cross into one of those areas. FYI only.

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FYI…

From: EPIC Director [mailto:EPIC.Director@usdoj.gov]
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Subject: EPIC Capabilities

Chief Hansen,

I take this opportunity to provide some information regarding the capabilities of the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC).

EPIC is a national-level intelligence center led by DEA. EPIC, a state-of-the-art multiagency center, operates in a collaborative environment, facilitating integration and cooperation. EPIC's mission is to "support U.S. law enforcement through the timely analysis and dissemination of intelligence on all threats to the nation and those criminal organizations responsible for illegal activities within the Western Hemisphere." EPIC's primary focus is on criminal activity within the United States, while supporting our international counterparts.

The EPIC Watch is staffed 24/7/365. The EPIC Watch has access to numerous federal databases including:

• NADDIS – DEA Files
• TECS – ICE/CBP Files
• NFORCE – ATF Files
• ACS – Tail Number & Subject Checks Through FAA
• JABS – Joint Automated Booking System
• LEIA – Law Enforcement Inquiries and Alerts
• CIS – Legacy INS Alien Registration Numbers
• FAA – Airman & Aircraft Database Aircraft and Pilot Registration Files
• JDIS – U.S. Marshals Service Warrant Database
• SENTRY – Bureau of Prisons Database
• WEB – Accurint LE Plus, Lexis Nexis, and Other Web Resources
• FinCEN – The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

The EPIC Watch may also be contacted through the EPIC Portal, which can be accessed via desktop computer, mobile data terminal, or other mobile device. The EPIC Portal also maintains information about recent seizures and has a Vehicle Contraband Concealment (VCC) Database. The VCC provides information (by vehicle type) of the most frequent concealment methods encountered. The VCC can be accessed "real time" via the EPIC Portal or via the EPIC Watch to provide assistance during an active investigation.

In emergency situations, such as mass casualty or critical incidents, the capabilities and resources of EPIC can be leveraged to meet the situation.

The EPIC Watch has access to the DEA Nationwide License Plate Reader Program (NLPRP). LPR data is also available to vetted users via the DEA Special Intelligence Link (DEASIL). The NLPRP is a law enforcement tool, developed and used by DEA to enforce *Title 21* authorities by facilitating the investigation of drug trafficking and other illegal activities associated with the drug trade. Given its unique capabilities, secure and vetted access to this tool is also shared with state, local and other federal law enforcement partners nationwide. NLPRP's goal is to assist with criminal investigations, within the statutory authority of partner agencies, occurring on high-level drug and money trafficking corridors and other public roadways throughout the United States. The NLPRP currently supports over 2,000 license plate readers located throughout the United States.

The Asset Identification Unit and the Global Tracking Unit can also provide valuable tactical intelligence to on-going investigations.

Please feel free to share this information with any other law enforcement entity whom you believe would benefit.

Please see below for additional information on services offered by EPIC.

If you have any questions, would like to have an EPIC Capabilities Briefing for your Management Team, or if you are interested in scheduling a tour of EPIC, please let me know. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you in the future.

Jim

"Great moments are born from great opportunities." – Herb Brooks

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El Paso Intelligence Center

24/7/365

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EPIC is a force multiplier, providing 24/7/365 support to LE officers. EPIC also plays a key role in nationwide LE deconfliction by serving as the host/administrator of SAFETNet, PDI, and NVPS. EPIC's SAFETNet is an application that enables users to deconflict events and targets across various agencies. PDI and NVPS, acting data brokers, effectively connect all three major deconfliction systems (SAFETNet, Case Explorer, RISSAFE) used by federal, state and local LE.

Watch Operations Unit

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1-888-USE-EPIC

- Staffed 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to provide LE and interdiction personnel with access to major federal databases relating to criminal LE
- Provide immediate "Real-Time" tactical intelligence support concerning the movement of drugs, weapons, aliens, currency and other contraband toward, into, out of and within the United States
- Provide officer safety through case deconfliction and case development
- Responsible for the DEA National License Plate Reader (LPR) Program involving the collection and gathering of information on travel patterns of vehicles used for criminal facilitation

In emergency situations, such as mass casualty/ critical incidents, the capabilities and resources of EPIC respond rapidly to meet the situation

Tactical Operations Section

- "Real-Time" tactical support to criminal investigations and LE operations;
- "Real-Time" exploitation of communication intelligence in support of officer safety;
- 24/7 monitoring of aircraft and tracking devices and vehicle surveillance;
- Track trafficking of criminal organizations and activities
- Coordinate and conduct Operation PIPELINE/CONVOY and JETWAY trainings to provide LE the knowledge and tools for conducting criminal interdiction of private and commercial motor vehicles and commercial methods of transport

Research & Analysis Section

- Provides financial asset intelligence to identify potentially forfeitable assets for criminal investigations.
- Project Shield: Identifies future drug trends, drug routes, and new drugs within the United States and those originating from foreign countries that affect communities in the United States.
- Ensures EPIC wide response to all requests for information and manages and disseminates EPIC analytical products

Asset Identification Unit

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The Asset Identification Unit (AIU) provides support to criminal, drug, and money laundering investigations by providing detailed reports on suspect individuals to identify potentially forfeitable assets. AIU researchers perform in-depth searches of LE and commercial databases, as well as internet open sources, and social media to compile their findings in a comprehensive report to provide investigators with significant leads.

Asset Identification

Identification of potentially forfeitable assets (related to):

- Subjects
- Family members and associates
- Properties, businesses, and conveyances

Financial Intelligence

Support LE investigations with financial intelligence:

- SARs (ID Number only for Suspicious Activity Reports)*
- CMIRs (Currency and Monetary Instrument Reports)*
- CTRs (Currency Transaction Reports)*
- TRAC (Transaction Record Analysis Center)
- Open source and LE database searches
- **Social media, open source, and LE database searches**

FinCEN reports (SARs, CMIRs and CTRs) restricted to federal, state, and local LE with a drug nexus

Customized Requests

- Accommodate specific requirements of requesters
- Provide comprehensive reports detailing financial/ asset profile of targets

AIU comprehensive reports include tier-one family members and associates with corresponding identifying information.

Bulk Currency Program

The Bulk Currency Program (BCP) is an integral part of the AIU and provides support to LE investigations by conducting post-seizure analysis on bulk currency seizures reported to EPIC.

AIU and BCP Request Process

For AIU and BCP assistance; an email can be sent to the EPIC Joint Collection Management Unit at the following email address: epicrfi@epic.gov. The subject line should read "AIU Request for Assistance" or "BCP Request for Assistance." A point of contact and case number should be included along with target information.

Air Investigative Unit

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The Air Investigative Unit provides intelligence to target and disrupt air transportation capabilities of major trafficking groups operating within the United States and around the region. It works in close coordination with other air operations centers like the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Targeted Criminal Activity

Supports all federal, state, and local agencies through the timely analysis and dissemination of intelligence on threats to the Nation and those criminal organizations that utilize aircraft, airports, or the air traffic control system in furtherance of their criminal activities.

Capabilities

In order to accomplish its mission, the primary functions of the unit are:

- Aircraft Tracking
- Maintain and disseminate the Stolen Aircraft List
- Research and Notification of FAA Export Aircraft List
- Intelligence Research Packets
- Auto email Flight Plans
- Process Requests for Information (24-hour turn around)
- Airport Independent Study to identify usage of emerging trends at smaller, less controlled airports and clandestine airstrips.
- Radar checks of suspect aircraft

Global Tracking Unit

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The Global Tracking Unit (GTU) serves as an integral part of the EPIC mission which provides real time analysis and dissemination of intelligence products. GTU operates on a 24/7/365 schedule to accomplish the primary functions of the unit: GPS device tracking; pole camera surveillance through the monitoring of devices installed in conveyances and moveable objects; and live notifications of specific criminal activities observed. The program's quality of service provides case agents the opportunity to better utilize their time on the operational aspects of their investigations.

Tracking Device Monitoring

- Vehicle Trackers
- Aircraft Trackers/Vessels
- Mobile Phones Pings
- Concealed Trap Initiative (CTI)
- National Money Counter Initiative (NMCI)

Pole Camera Monitoring

- Real time monitoring
- Live surveillance assistance and notification
- Vehicle identification and Registered Owner Information
- Target identification

Provides LE a variety of information related to the devices assigned, including: activity of the device (movements, locations, routes, times of use, etc.); location activity (vehicles comings and goings); screenshots of vehicles and people observed; street view imaging of significant stop locations; ping rates, geo-fence creation of locations/ barriers of interest within tracking applications; and battery levels. In addition, GTU personnel will apply any special instructions requested by case agents to be employed in the monitoring of their device (i.e. watch for a particular vehicle, target or type of activity, with immediate notification of the occurrence of the specified event and/or activity).

March 2, 2020

DEASIL

DEA's National License Plate Reader Program Tactical Alert and Query System

DEASIL
The National License Plate Reader Program & El Paso Intelligence Center

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National License Plate Reader Program (NLPRP) Tactical Alert and Query system, DEASIL, has a new home under the El Paso Intelligence Center. This new partnership allows the DEASIL program to evolve, expand nationally, and become a stronger investigational tool for ALL Federal, State, Local, and Tribal agencies to use in their investigations.

NO cost to your home agency.
Your agency could contribute to the system from your readers!

Mission Statement

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Financial Intelligence:
Support law enforcement investigations with financial intelligence:

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- CTRs (Currency Transaction Reports)
- TRAC (Transaction Record Analysis Center)
- Open source, social media, and law enforcement database searches

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Additionally, AIU comprehensive reports include tier-one family members and associates with corresponding identifying information.

Bulk Currency Program:
The EPIC Bulk Currency Program (BCP) is an integral part of the AIU and provides support to law enforcement investigations by conducting post-seizure analysis on bulk currency seizures reported to EPIC. Investigative leads coupled with intelligence findings are disseminated to EPIC customers by way of a comprehensive report similar to the aforementioned AIU report. Additionally, bulk currency seizures reported to EPIC are entered into the National Seizure System (NSS), which is located at EPIC, and any customers' request(s) for information reference bulk currency seizures or statistical data is processed by the BCP analyst.

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Pole Camera Monitoring

- Real time monitoring
- Live surveillance assistance and notification
- Vehicle identification and Registered Owner Information
- Target identification via snapshot

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